October 2010.



Michael Thibodeaux

Clerk of Court

Ryan J. Huval Chief Deputy

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF IBERIA

16TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Witness my hand and seal of office at New Iberia, Louisiana, this 13th day of I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the entire REINSURANCE (UK) PLC, Civil Docket Number 117289-D of the records of GREAT LAKE proceedings filed in the matter entitled IDA MILLER vs. the 16th Judicial District, Iberia Parish, Louisiana.

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16th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF IBERIA

STATE OF LOUISIANA

NO. 117389

IDA MILLER

GREAT LAKES REINSURANCE (UK) PLC

HED:

DEPUTY CLERK

PETITION FOR DAMAGES

NOW INTO COURT, through undersigned counsel, comes Ida Miller, who respectfully avers:

Plaintiff now is, and at all times relevant to this action was, a resident of Iberia Parish, State

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of Louisiana, and of the full age of the majority.

Defendant now is, and at all times relevant to this action was, conducting business in Louisiana and may be served though the Louisiana Secretary of State.

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Hurricane Gustav made landfall along the Louisiana coastline on September 1, 2008, causing extensive damage to the property insured under the above policy.

Plaintiff submitted a claim and demand under the policy to recover for losses sustained to insured property as a result of Hurricane Gustav and related damage. Plaintiff further satisfied all other terms and conditions of the policy.

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Plaintiff is entitled to recover from the Defendant's all losses, including damages, costs, and attorney's fees, caused by the Defendant's breach of contract and state law, in accordance with La 22:658 as amended by Louisiana Act No. 813, effective August 15, 2006.

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Should an amendment to La. R.S. 22:1220 be enacted allowing for attorney s fees and court costs to be collected in light of Defendant's actions, Defendant is obligated to pay the amount of those fees and costs to the Plaintiff.

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Defendant owes to Plaintiff the policy limits of each said policy of insurance, less and except any sums already tendered to Plaintiff by Defendant.

Venue is proper in this Honorable Court pursuant to La. Code of Civ. Pro. Art. 76.

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compensatory damages, statutory penalties, costs, attorney's fees, and for such further relief as the WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendant, including payment for Court deems just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Diliberto (LA 24783)
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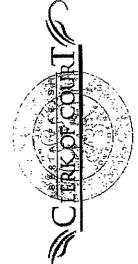
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SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 DATE FAX PLEADING RECEIVED:

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117289-D VS. NO. GREAT LAKES REINSURANCE (UK) PLC

DESCRIPTION OF PLEADING: PETITION FOR DAMAGES

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This is to acknowledge that the above described facsimile transmission was received and filed on the date shown above as per LA. R.S. 13:850.

The original pleading is to be forwarded within five (5) days, exclusive of legal holidays, of this receipt together with the \$5.00 transmission fee; \$15.00 fee for this receipt, the correct filing fee to cover the cost of filing and recording the facsimile copy as well as the original pleading, and any balance of costs due. When the original pleading is received, the file mark will indicate the actual date it is received.

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of EAST BATON ROUGE Parish

You are hereby summoned to comply with the demand contained in the PETITION of which a true and correct copy (exclusive of exhibits) accompanies this citation, or make an appearance, either by filing a pleading or otherwise, the 16th Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Iberia, State of Louisiana, within fifteen (15) days after the service hereof, under penalty of default.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL OF OFFICE AT NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA, THIS DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2010.

16th Judicial District Court Michael Thibodeaux Parish of Iberia Clerk of Court

Deputy Clerk of Court

Requested by: DAMON A. KIRIN 3636 S. 1-10 SERVICE ROAD WEST, SUITE 210 METAIRIE, LA 70001

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September 1, 2010

Clerk of Court 16th Judicial District Court Parish of Iberia 300 Iberia Street New Iberia, LA 70560 Re: New Suit 117289 "D"

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16th JDC, Parish of Iberia

Dear Clerk:

Attached is original and two (2) copies of Petition for Damages in regard to the above-captioned matter. Please file the original into the record and return to me a conformed copy in the enclosed, self-addressed, stamped envelope. Note: One service is required, through the Secretary of State, State of Louisiana.

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Our firm's check # 1824 for \$350,00, total fees, is enclosed. A copy of your Fax Receipt is also attached.

With best regards. I remain

Lona Lun Damon A. Kirin L

Very truly yours.

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Party GREAT LAKES REINSURANCE (UK) PLC was SERVED.

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Date of Service: Thursday, September 16, 2010

THRU JULIE NESBITT (FOR SEC. OF STATE) DOMICILIARY

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